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by Kisha Blackshire

The Student Activities Board helped welcome students back to school with their Semester Kickoff this week.

Semester Kickoff began Tuesday with the Welcome Back Bash and will continue until 2 p.m. today. Students are starting the semester by participating in the various campus festivities.

"I like how (we can) all get together and have fun," said Lorondela Green, junior, business.

Students were treated to cotton candy and popcorn. Personalized photo bookmarks and do-it-yourself dog tags were just a few of the giveaways.

Last night Comedian Alexandra McHale performed in the University Center Theater at 7 p.m.

Today some students are looking forward to enjoying free food and other activities.

"I'm looking forward to making candles," said Shanikqua Burns, freshman.

Freshmen best friends Rachel Alexander and Ashton Ezernack say they like to walk through and enjoy a slurpy or two.

Cary Judd, singer and guitar player, is performing for the Coffee House Series during Common Hour today at the University Center Port Stage. Judd will have CDs available for purchase.

Movie lovers can also relax and enjoy Movie Night, which will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater. "Rent" will be showing, and popcorn will be free.

Saturday after the game, the Basketball Overtime Party will be held in the University Center Lobby featuring music, drinks and hot wings. Souvenir arm bands will be available for students.

Next Thursday a Black History Trivia Game will be held in the University Center Theater at 7 p.m.

The Student Activities Board plans to assist in providing many more events

Welcome Back Bash continues today

Semester kicks off with music, comedy and free stuff for students



CHRIS GRAY

Students gather in the University Center Tuesday for food and drinks and other activities as the semester kicks off.

throughout the semester as well.

"There are so many things going on this week. It doesn't just end with kick-off," said Kimberly Thornton, assistant director of Student Leadership and Involvement.

Some of these events, just to name a few, include Movie Night on the Mall in which a large screen will be set up outside and Fantasy Casino, which involves playing with fake money for

prizes.

Thorton said she is looking forward to a great semester for the SAB and hopes everyone will show their support.

"The SAB has done a great job in planning this semester," Thorton said. "It's going to be fun and educational at the same time, with lots of events going on. We'd love to see everyone out participating."

Welcome Back Bash

Thursday
"Rent" - Movie Night in the UC Theater at 7 p.m.

Saturday
Basketball Overtime Party in the UC Lobby following the game

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Basketball

Pilots lose double overtime thriller on the road.

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What's in a Name?

Why isn't there a building named after you? Hint: You're not dead.

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No corrections this week.

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EDITORIAL

Where do I begin? I should probably start this off with something generic like "welcome back" or "Happy New Year," but I'm not one to follow popular trends, so I'll just say "what's really good?" It appears that another semester is upon us so you know what that means...many late-night study sessions and a trip to the campus bookstore where you will be robbed of all your hard-earned money.

It's amazing how these semesters just creep up on a person. One second you're sitting around your house in your underwear, watching television, enjoying what you believe to be a long, well-deserved break from the hassles of higher education. The next thing you know you're sitting back in a classroom listening to your professor, preach about the importance of whatever subject they teach and how you will use it everyday in the real world. To all my math teachers: I still haven't found a use for quadratic equations. Why did I bother? I'm sure that's a question many students ask themselves, often not coming up with a satisfactory answer. Some people go to college to increase their moneymaking potential. Some may go to college because that's what their peers are doing. Others might embark upon this journey simply to party and get wasted, and maybe attend a class or two if it fits into their party schedule. Which of these is the right reason? I guess you could say they are all right. If you want to make more money, go for it. If you're a follower and you're happy in that role, follow away. If you attend to go to parties and wake up the next morning doing your best Elvis impression (he supposedly died face down in his own vomit), party on. Your reasons are your own, and that's all that matters.

Whatever motivates you to drag yourself out of bed in the morning or walk away from dinner to attend your night class, hang on to it. You may not have the same reason as others for attending, but you are here nonetheless. And in the end our goals are all the same, to obtain the ever-elusive college degree. And while some may not finish as fast as

others (all you six-year students know what I'm talking about), fret not, because you too will one day walk across the stage and receive that piece of paper that may or may not help you get a job after graduation. Don't view that as money wasted though. As I'm sure you all have been told a million times, education is a smart investment that will pay off in the future. As far as all those books you bought, sell them back immediately after the semester is over. That way you can try to recoup some of your dignity after having felt the bitter sting of unwanted relations supplied to you by the bookstore. I am always curious as to why my books cost just as much as my tuition. Then you have to spend hours in line waiting for the two cashiers to help the 500 students waiting in line. What a way to spend your day, huh? Unfortunately there's nothing you can do to escape this. Institutions of higher education are the pimps, and you the student are the whore. Hope you can run to class in those pumps.

Despite all these inconveniences and your confusion about why you're here, be proud of the fact that you are here and that you're working towards something that will better your life in the long run. We at the *Almagest* are honored to bring the students (and the faculty too...I guess) the latest on what is happening on campus. We are thankful to those who continue to read the paper and offer their continued support. We would also like to attract as many new readers as possible so if there is something that we are not giving proper attention to or are neglecting, please let us know so we can make the necessary changes to incorporate all students on the campus (that means you Science and Business Education students). Good luck this semester and, oh yeah...welcome back.

Derrick Mitcham
Features Editor

Girls & SPORTS



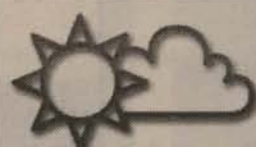
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TODAY:
Partly cloudy
Hi: 61 Lo: 40

FRIDAY:
Few Showers
Hi: 63 Lo: 54

SATURDAY:
Thunder showers
Hi: 70 Lo: 46

SUNDAY:
Partly cloudy
Hi: 62 Lo: 41



MONDAY:
Sunny
Hi: 64 Lo: 38

TUESDAY:
Mostly Sunny
Hi: 67 Lo: 42

WEDNESDAY:
Showers
Hi: 64 Lo: 42

University buildings' monikers must pass muster



MIKE SCHWALKE

Noel Memorial Library and Bronson Hall are the only buildings on campus named after locals who contributed to LSUS.

by Coleman Robison

At LSUS, only two buildings have been named after individuals, who, along with their families, made significant

contributions to our campus.

Bronson Hall was named for a former publisher of the Shreveport Times, Howard Bronson. The library was named for the prominent Noel

family of Shreveport who helped shape the city and Cad-do Parish.

"Bronson played an important role in the establishment of LSUS," Michael T. Ferrell, vice

chancellor for Business Affairs, said.

Proposals for naming university facilities (or a specific section of one) after individual persons may be brought forth by the appropriate committee on campus where the facility is located, according to policy by the Louisiana State University System. But this is just the beginning.

In accordance with law R.S. 14:316, no public building, site, street or park can be named after a living person. Furthermore, the person to be honored has to have been deceased for at least two years.

"If the person has made great contributions, I do not see why a living person cannot have a building named for their achievements. You obviously cannot enjoy (seeing your name on a building) when you are dead," said Brandon Daniels, junior, general studies.

Portions of buildings including but not limited to classrooms, auditoria, laboratories and lounges may be named after living persons to honor contributions made by such persons to the university. Even then, stipulations are involved.

Portions of buildings may not be named after current

public office holders or candidates for office, or current members of the Board of Supervisors or past members for a period of two years from service on the board.

"When the library was given its name, James Noel was living. Therefore, the entire library was named for the Noel family instead of just one specific person," said Dr. Robert C. Leitz, Ruth Herring Noel endowed chair and curator.

"When Noel passed away, his family donated his collection of books, and this collection became known as the James S. Noel Collection," Leitz said.

Where practical, the amount of money donated to name a building or room should approximate 50 percent of the cost of the building or room, plus a maintenance endowment – approximately 15 percent of the total cost of the building.

"If you (or your family) provide me with a large sum of money, I'd be more than happy to slap your name on a building," said Ferrell. "But even then, there are policies and procedures to follow, clearly, and those can be found at the LSUS Web site."

Auditors report missing equipment worth \$360,000

by Ellen Farley

Contrary to recent news reports of missing equipment from our campus, University Police officer Sgt. Richard Dukes said that nothing had been reported missing or stolen from the campus.

When items are moved from room to room whether it is to a storage room or simply borrowed from another department or just to another classroom some times the items can just get lost in the shuffle.

The recent reports are very misleading says Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Michael Ferrell. No dollar value has ever come up before; the cost of \$360,000.00 is a purchase price.

We know that the price of a computer or any computer related equipment purchased five years ago is not worth

"There will be another audit this spring, and we're shooting for 100 percent on all inventory."

Michael Ferrell
Vice Chancellor
of Business Affairs

nearly the same price today if worth anything.

Vice Chancellor Ferrell said that Ninety-Eight percent of all campus property has been accounted for and of the misplaced items only represent about 2% of all property in the campus.

When school property gets to old to be useful anymore or simply outdated it gets turned over to Property Control in the Purchasing Department.

University officials and staff take great pride in our school and do a great job of keeping track of our equipment can a better job be done at this task, yes and they will do better there will be another audit this Spring and were shooting for 100% on all inventory said Vice Chancellor Ferrell. Ferrell also said that inventory has yet to be done at the Medical Center and were expecting missing or misplaced inventory there as well, this is not a perfect process.

Tracking inventory after a state audit is a lengthy process. And could take anywhere from one to four years to track down the missing equipment.

SPORTS UPDATE

BASKETBALL SCORES

1/23 LSUS (94) vs. Spring Hill College (111) Men
1/23 LSUS (57) vs. Spring Hill College (73) Women

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball

1/28 7:00 - William Carey College *
1/30 7:30 - Tougaloo College

Women's Basketball

1/28 5:00 p.m. - William Carey College *
1/30 5:30 p.m. - Tougaloo College

*Home Games

Foreign studies programs expose students to Europe, Latin America

Ragan Dickens

Opportunities are available for students interested in experiencing cultures from many different places around the world. Students can spend five weeks in Costa Rica, France or Rome, while earning six hours of school credit. Although LSUS does not offer official study abroad programs, options to travel are available.

UNO is offering a five-week stay in Costa Rica, France or Rome that includes afternoon classes, daytime field trips and two free weekends.

Students who go to Costa Rica can experience the gorgeous beaches and touring an active volcano site. A teacher

stays with the students the entire trip, and financial aid is also available. Students will leave the states on May 27 and return on June 30.

"(My trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico) was an opportunity that totally submerged me into Spanish culture," said Rita Cooks, junior, accounting. She described the experience as intense and unforgettable. During Cooks' six-week stay she attended the University of Kukulcan.

Cooks recommended at least two semesters of the language that you will be involved with but noted that beginners' language classes are often offered at the destination. Cooks

said the most enjoyable portion of the university experience was the "small classes—between five and ten students."

Dr. Lynn Walford, associate professor of Spanish, said that interest for an official study abroad trip is on the rise. "Now that a new professor in the Spanish department has been hired, one of the instructors might be interested and have the time to take the students on a trip."

Walford specified that an official study abroad trip means that a professor travels with the students and stays with them. The trips so far have been independent trips not officially affiliated with LSUS.

Wolfgang Hinck, assistant professor of marketing, will be taking a group of LSUS students to Lüneburg, Germany, for a two-week trip at the end of May.

Students will have the chance to tour an automobile production plant and also will tour the town of Hamburg. "I look forward to going on the trip with the hopes of becoming more cultured," junior finance major Stephanie Fortenberry said.

More information on all of these opportunities can be found either on the LSUS website www.lsus.edu, or outside of the College of Liberal Arts offices.

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The check is in the mail

Accounting head explains recent payroll overhaul

by Mickedal Key

Some expected changes for the spring semester include course schedules, different classmates and new professors. But this semester there is one unexpected change that affects all who work for the university: the pay cycle.

Starting spring 2006, all employees of LSUS will be paid at the same time, and on Jan. 20 everyone from student workers to administration received their first paycheck of the new cycle. In the new pay cycle, everyone will be paid on a semi-monthly basis which translates as the 5th and 20th of each month.

According to Adnan Samhan, director of Accounting Services, more than 50 pay cycles were in motion at one time, meaning that checks were being passed out about every week.


"We all work at LSUS; we are all paid by the state. Why not consolidate it

and make it one pay cycle where everyone gets paid at the same time?" Samhan said. He also said that it is more consistent than some of the former cycles of payment.

Another change made along with the pay cycle was how those working for the university receive their paychecks. Starting Jan. 1, all checks go either direct deposit or direct mail. Samhan said that it is much safer this way and it is the same way government employees receive their checks.

"I had been pushing for this change

PAYMENT
SCHEDULE



ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WILL NOW BE
PAYED ON THE 5TH AND 20TH OF EACH
MONTH. EMPLOYEES CAN NO LONGER
PICK UP CHECKS ON CAMPUS.

for a long time," Samhan said. Several meetings were held with various senates, university committees and people from the community discussing the pros and cons of the change to the pay cycle. Samhan said the only negative feedback received was that the change would require adjustment on the part of employees. He drew great support from the meetings, and the change was approved. Samhan said that "everyone is a winner" when it comes to this change.

However, this is a dramatic change for those used to being paid at certain times of the month.

Venisha Lewis, a familiar face to anyone who eats in the Port, said, "Personally, I don't like the new system. You have all your accounts set up according to when you get paid and now you have to change all that."

Student worker Jennifer Guess, a freshman English major said, "I suppose the transition was the hardest part for people to swallow, but hopefully it will be more orderly once some time has passed."


Custodian David Hall had some good advice for dealing with the dilemma. "People will just have to learn how to budget," he said. "A month was not enough time for people to adjust. Maybe they could have let us know six months in advance. It hurt a lot of people because they did not think it would go through."

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In other news

Suspected robber leaves his name, address

A suspected bank robber in Massachusetts left police all the clues they needed to catch him, mainly his name and address. Police arrested the man after a supposed bomb in a bag left at a scene was found to contain a phone book with the man's full name and address on a label. Police said, "It was so easy, so simple; it was hard to believe."

Transsexual drug dealer spared the cane

Take note gentlemen, losing your penis may save your ass, literally...in Singapore. A court has spared a Thai transsexual drug dealer from being caned because Singaporean law does not allow women to be subjected to that punishment. The prostitute, who underwent a sex change from male to female 10 years ago, was instead sentenced to six years in jail. Men can be caned for similar offenses, and Singapore has a mandatory death sentence for some drug cases depending on the amount of drugs in possession.

Cause of death: Flying shrimp?

We all know that fast food can lead to health problems, but what about flying food? A Japanese steakhouse in New York is being sued for \$10 million in a wrongful death lawsuit after one of its hibachi chefs threw a shrimp that supposedly led to a patron's death. The diner twisted his neck trying to avoid the shrimp which consequently required him to undergo surgery. He later died from complications.

Man said to fake death to avoid child support

Don't want to support your kids? Just fake your death. That's what one South Carolina man did. Johnny Sterling Martin, 58, had a relative call Family Court in 1979 and claim that he had died during a bar fight in Alabama. For more than 25 years Martin had been hiding to avoid providing support for his two children which at the time he owed \$4,120. He now owes more than \$30,000 and has a third child from another marriage. Police are working to identify the caller who told family court he was dead.

Stinky mess clogs Interstate

Traffic on Interstates is often backed up like an overflowing toilet. But drivers on Interstate 5 last week were actually up to their door handles in treated human waste. About 2,000 pounds of feces was spilled onto the freeway when the driver of a tractor-trailer rig braked suddenly to avoid a stopped car. Since the truck had only a cloth top, much of the waste sloshed over the truck cab and across a wide section of the road. No one was injured, but people who drove through it were urged to take their cars to a commercial car wash rather than hand washing it themselves.

Man arrested for throwing own prosthetic legs

People have found new weapons to fight the law with, prosthetic legs. An Oregon man threw both his artificial legs at a state trooper, hitting him with one, after his son was pulled over on suspicion of drunken driving. The assailant made two invalid attempts to charge at the officer before he was wrestled to the ground, where he proceeded to take off one leg and throw it, and then the other.

Pilots falter in double OT; Lady Pilots stumble out of first

Lady Pilots still winless on the road

by Chrissy Chiri

The Pilots and Lady Pilots basketball teams had tough road games this past Saturday and Monday against the University of Mobile Rams and Springhill Badgers.

The Pilots beat the 13th-ranked Rams due to a tip-in shot by junior forward Anton Palmer at the buzzer; however, against Springhill, the Pilots lost a heart-breaker in double overtime, 111-94.

The Lady Pilots, who started the weekend with a share of first place in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference, lost both games. They are 0-3 on the road in conference play.

Conference play is well underway, which means every win against a GCAC opponent is one step closer to a berth in the national tournament.

The LSUS Pilots (17-3, 4-2) are noted for their excellent offense.

Last year the team was led by Fredericko Payne, junior guard, and this year has added another offensive threat from outside the 3-point line with transfer student Josh Porter, junior guard. Both Payne and Porter are ranked nationally due to their 22-points-per-game averages. Point guard Kyle Blankenship, senior, is helping his team by leading the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio with 3.9 per game.

The Pilots' inside game has improved as well thanks to Palmer who is 12th in the nation for his average of 9.5 rebounds a game. Jeremy Johnston, senior post, and Shadrach Roome, senior forward, have also been key additions.

"We dropped a tough game against a very tough Belhaven team (on Jan. 12). However, we have responded very strong at practice, and it is going to make us a better team," men's head coach Chad McDowell said.

The Lady Pilots (10-6, 2-3) entered the weekend with their best overall record in three years and were ranked 13th in the nation in scoring defense, which is very important in the offensive-minded conference.

"I have been very pleased with our defensive effort of late. We still have room for improvement, but



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Mens
LSUS 41 40 81
Mobile 35 44 79
LSUS—Josh Porter 24, Payne 9, Blankenship 1, Johnston 7, Sowell 7, Hughes 7, Hardy 2, Shadrach Roome 12, Anton Palmer 24.
Mobile—Spencer 4, Walter Fitzgerald 17, Jordan 2, Chris Bolden 17, Steve Pellan 15, Burden 7, Todd Bostic 15, Zarko Comagic 16, Foxworth 2.

LSUS 38 38 13 5 94
Spring Hill 32 34 13 22 111
LSUS—Josh Porter 29, Fredericko Payne 24, Jeremy Johnston 14, Hughes 9, Simmons 2, Shadrach Roome 13, Anton Palmer 19.
Spring Hill—Noah Woolridge 26, Krisner Green 30, Jeremy Price 38, Cash Covington 24, Barkley Faulkner 14, Coleman 2, Ziemann 1, Ezekwe 2, Baldwin 4.

Womens
LSUS 26 34 60
Mobile 32 42 74
LSUS—Moche Roque 12, Jessica Kelley 26, Spychalski 6, Cryer 3, Amanda Castle 10, Janai Sells 11.
Mobile—Ford 4, Manning 6, Campbell 2, Goodly 14, Coston 18, Rybackzyk 12, Rose 15, Leary 4, Williams 4, Kostandinovic 5.

LSUS 28 29 57
Spring Hill 37 36 73
LSUS—Moche Roque 23, Jessica Kelley 18, Spychalski 5, Cryer 6, Castle 6, Johnson 3, Sells 2.
Spring Hill—Marcie McHugh 13, Mari

the effort has been there," Ronnie Howell, women's head coach said. Transfer student Jessica Kelly, junior guard, has been shooting 83 percent from the free-throw line and accumulating 3.8 steals per game. She is also the leading scorer for the Lady Pilots with 15.9 points per game.

Junior college transfer Moche Roque, junior forward, is pouring in 10.9 points per game for the squad, while senior center Marcia Spychalski is the Lady Pilots' lead-

ing rebounder averaging 10 per game along with 10 points per game in conference play.

"Our last two games we have played well, and to compete in this conference we need to continue playing up to our potential," Spychalski said.

The men and women's teams will take the floor again at the Dock at LSUS on Saturday against conference foes William Carey College Crusaders beginning at 5 p.m.



"Guitar Hero" isn't a CD. It's not even available for download. It's a videogame, and while it won't fit in your tape deck or anywhere on your iPod, "Guitar Hero" will make you appreciate music in a way no album or download can.

I've always been a fan of music games. I'm not talking about those annoying dancing games the kids love so much now; I'm talking about spitting fire with Parappa the Rapper, banging bongos with Donkey Kong, creating beats with "MTV Music Generator" and "Frequency" or conducting a symphony in "Mad Maestro."

While those games were fine in all "Guitar Hero" has got them beat. Not only is "Guitar Hero" hands down the best music game ever created, it's possibly one of the most complete games ever created. It does everything it promises extraordinarily well.

Good luck finding something to knock about it. I've seen kids, truck drivers and 50-year-old men hesitant at first as they pick up the light, plastic guitar. But after one time through the game's opening song, "I Love Rock and Roll," they're standing up on the furniture as they rip through songs from Queen to Megadeth.

This beauty you see pictured (it's a



Guitar Hero

Playstation 2

RIYL: Music, videogames, music videogames, fun in general, pretending to play songs you could never possibly play in real life.

miniature Gibson SG if you're curious) is what you'll be using as your controller. It has a strum bar that goes up and down, a whammy bar and five colored fret buttons. It's about the size of a ukelele and comes with a reasonably comfortable little neck-

strap. You'll really feel like you're playing guitar as you jump around like an idiot in your living room, especially if you're willing to step it up to Expert Mode.

Perhaps the greatest thing this game does musically is to make the player really appreciate the songs being played. I never would have noticed that ZZ Top has some pretty cool guitar riffs or that I could ever like a song called "Cowboys From Hell."

The songs you'll be playing come from all over the spectrum of music and they're all pretty good. "Bark at the Moon" sits side-by-side with the likes of Franz Ferdinand, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Boston and the Ramones.

The only disappointments are a song from Sum 41 ("Fatlip" has to be one of the most annoying songs I've ever heard) and one from Audioslave rather than pulling out the big guns with Rage.

This minor inconvenience will hopefully be remedied in time for "Guitar Hero 2," now that the game's creators are making enough money to get an even better soundtrack the second time around.

Whether you're playing as Eric Clapton or Rob Zombie you'll be having more fun than you ever thought possible in a game.

Jan. 24 New Releases: Audio Bullys "Generation," Cat Power "The Greatest," Clearlake "Amber," The Elected "Sun, Sun, Sun," The Gossip "Standing In The Way Of Control," His Name Is Alive "Detrola," Jenny Lewis (of Rilo Kiley and Postal Service) "Rabbit Fur Coat," Robert Pollard "From A Compound Eye," Saint Etienne "Tales From Turnpike House," Test Icicles "For Screening Purposes Only," Tortoise + Bonnie "Prince" Billy "The Brave And The Bold," Town And Country "Up Above"

Derrick: What's up everybody? It's the two critics you love to hate back at it again. Hope everyone had a good holiday and is ready for our unprofessional critiques of all the crap Hollywood has to offer.

Chris: What my associate is trying to say is we are glad to be back and we hope you're glad to have us back. This week we will be reviewing "Underworld Evolution"

Derrick: I have to admit, I wasn't expecting much from this movie. But I was surprised at how well the movie picked up right from where the first one left off and how much better it was than its predecessor.

Chris: I can only think of a few sequels that have ever picked up where the first one left off, now "Underworld Evolution" is part of that list. I agree that it was much better than the first installment because it provided much of the background left out of the first movie.

Derrick: I didn't notice any new information that wasn't in the first movie but I did like how the directors went back and explained what happened in the first movie so that the audience would be up to speed with what was going on in "Evolution."

Chris: There was more explained in this film about the main heroine's past than in the first movie. In the first they explained the treachery, but in this film they ex-

plained more of her story.

Derrick: I see what you're saying. I also need to comment on how good the acting was in this film. I know how unbelievable that sounds, but everyone actually did a pretty good job.

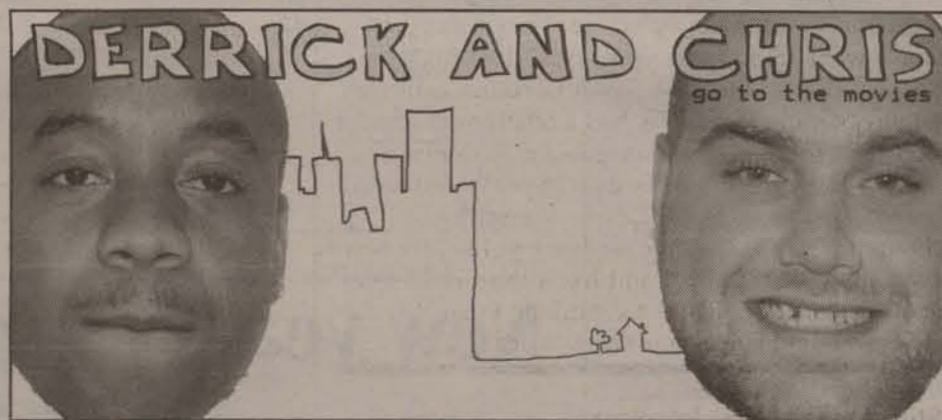
Chris: Yes they do. There were a few times where I thought some of it was a little melodramatic, but all in all I think the acting was very good. The effects and make up were phenomenal.

Derrick: Most definitely. The special effects were my favorite part of the first movie, and it seems like the budget was tripled this time around because the effects were top-notch.

Chris: What did you think of the cinematography? Sometimes to me it got a bit jumpy during fight scenes. I don't know if that was to add a bit of a rough and tumble feeling to the fights or what, but since it wasn't a consistent thing I only noticed it a couple of times.

Derrick: I didn't notice it at all. I didn't see anything particularly special about the camera work. It wasn't bad, nor was it ground-breaking. At times I thought some of the scenes were too dark, and by that I mean maybe a bit darker than intended.

Chris: I kind of know what you are getting at. It seemed a bit dark in some scenes but



"Underworld: Evolution"

Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman, Bill Nighy, Shane Brolly, Michael Sheen

I think that might have been intended to make it suspenseful. Also there were a few parts that made me jump a bit. It was I guess scarier than the first if you want to call it that.

Derrick: Whatever man! I only remember one part that would've made people jump, and I saw it coming a mile away. I thought we talked about you and this scary thing last semester.

Chris: Yeah, yeah. Still some parts were suspenseful to me. One thing I did notice was that this movie had a lot more blood and carnage than the first film did by far.

Derrick: Without a doubt. That may have been one of the largest omissions in the first film. It doesn't make sense to keep the blood flow to a minimum when the

movie deals with a war between werewolves and vampires. That matter was handled accordingly this time around.

Chris: This was possibly one of the best sequels I have seen in a long time. I highly recommend it to anyone who is a fan of the genre and to anyone who just wants a good time at the theatre. Also, it is good to be back, guys; hope we keep you reading.

Derrick: I'll keep it simple; if you liked the first one, you'll love this one. If we couldn't pay you to watch the first "Underworld," stay far, far away from this one. You could apply that statement to me and my partner's movies reviews as well. Good luck this semester.



Calendar of Events**Thursday, January 26**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Welcome Back Bash

10:25 a.m. 11:25 a.m.
Coffee House Series
Cary Judd
U.C. Port Stage

7 p.m.
Movie Night
"Rent"
U.C. Theater

Saturday, January 28

Basketball Overtime Party
After the game
U.C. Lobby

Thursday, February 2

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Speaker
"Dangers of Credit Cards"
U.C. Theater

7 p.m.
Black History Trivia Game
U.C. Theater

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New year brings new rules for smokers**Campus smoking rules mirror recent city ordinance****by Shakendra Jackson**

The New Year brought in a major resolution that has many students on campus buzzing with either complaints or praise.

LSUS has adopted a campus-wide smoking regulation that bans smoking within 25 feet of any entrance on campus. Thus, instead of seeing the usual crowd of students taking a smoke break before class, many students were greeted by an unusual silence and emptiness on the first day back to school.

Although this topic has been debated at LSUS for quite some time, several students are still shocked that this action has been taken. That shock may be

due to the fact that the Shreveport city ordinance that prohibited smoking last year had no effect on the LSUS campus. LSUS is a state institution and was therefore unaffected by the ordinance.

According to Dr. Rebecca Nolan, professor of psychology, Bruce Wampler, the president of the faculty senate, first introduced the idea to the faculty senate in September 2005. Wampler, an assistant professor in the College of Business Administration, wanted to know if the city ordinance issued applied to LSUS.

Nolan also said that Chief Larry Laborde, LSUS head of security, investigated the issue and determined that the ordi-

nance did not apply to LSUS. Laborde did find out that LSU Medical Center was applying the ordinance; however, the institution was under no obligation to do so and the decision was solely made by choice.

The faculty senate discussed the issue in October. It was at that meeting that the senate voted to recommend to the Chancellor, Dr. Vincent Marsala, that LSUS implement the smoking ordinance. The vote was passed with only one member dissenting, and according to Nolan, that member happened to be a smoker.

At that point, the recommendation was immediately passed on to Marsala. After serious consideration and discus-

sion with the SGA and other organizations, Marsala decided to adopt the ordinance and issued order 1_10.03 on Nov. 21.

The order was announced to the faculty senate on Dec. 2 who then decided that the ban would not be enforced until the spring semester began.

Several students have expressed contrasting emotions about the decision. One non-smoking student who wished to remain anonymous said, "I wish it would have happened sooner. I felt like I was being attacked every time I walked into Bronson Hall. People would just blow smoke in my face, and it made me sick to my stomach."

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